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LEVITES ROLL OF SERVICE.

1907 Crawford, J. A.—R.A.M.C.—*Address Wanted.*
1916 Murray, R. H.—General List—Broomlands, Kelso.
1916 McRury, D. A.—Royal Army Chaplains' Dept.—c/o The Scots Kirk, Apollo Street, Bombay.
1918 McDonald, H.—Cameron Highlanders—*Address Wanted.*
1919 Crabbe, F. H.—R.A.F.V.R.—*Address Wanted.*
1919 McDonald, A.—Merchant Navy—*Address Wanted.*
1921 Cairns, J.—R.A.F.V.R.—" Salamanca " Gatehouse-of-Fleet.
1921 Johnston, J. R.—R.A.N.V.R.—c/o 159 Harrow Rd., Willaton Park, Nottingham.
1921 Seller, J. M. S.—R.A. (Searchlight Regt.)—*Address Wanted.*
1923 McGregor, A. D.—R.A.—Connell Ha', Cothall, Dyce, Aberdeenshire.
1924 Clark, G. R.—R.A.F.V.R.—32 Hillside Street, Edinburgh.
1924 Smart, D. W.—R.A.C.—52 Glasgow Road, Edinburgh 12.
1925 Duffes, J. C. S.—Seaforth Highlanders—c/o Forbes, Ardmore House, Edderton, near Tain. Ross-shire.
1925 Kinghorn, A. M.—R.A.F.—c/o 23 Durham Drive, Edinburgh.
1925 McDougall, R. I.—R.A.F.—c/o 1 The Hill Top, Central Rd., Morden, Surrey.
1925 Ogilvie, A. C.—R.A.F.V.R.—c/o Miss Coutts, 47 Spottiswoode St., Edinburgh.
1925 Ritchie, G. S.—R.A.F.V.R.—3 Nelson Terrace, Dundee.
1925 White, G.—R.A.F.V.R.—c/o Clydesdale Bank, Larbert.
1926 Cairns, J.—R.A. (Searchlight Regt.)—" Salamanca," Gatehouse-of-Fleet.
1926 Clark, A. E.—R.A.C.—32 Hillside Street, Edinburgh.
1926 Gillespie, G. T.—R.A.F.V.R.—*Address Wanted.*
1927 Campbell, A. G.—R.A.—c/o Begg, 42 Ettrick Terrace, Selkirk.
1927 Finlayson, D.—R.C.N.V.R.—c/o Snow, 7 Heather Street, Toronto.
1927 Millar, W. M.—R.A.M.C.—37 Morningside Drive, Edinburgh.
1928 Blyth, J. V. G.—Mahratta Light Infantry—Belgaum, India.
1929 Dilly, F. R.—R.A.—58 Polwarth Gardens, Edinburgh.
1929 Hamilton, A. F.—R.A.F.—*Distinguished Flying Cross. Address Wanted.*
1929 Smith, G. S.—U.S.A.A.F.—386 Gt. Western Road, Glasgow, C.4.
1929 Barnett, N.—Royal Scots—c/o Reid, 6 Comely Bank Road, Edinburgh.
1929 Blyth, G.—R.E.—c/o Lloyd's Bank, Pall Mall, London.
1929 Henderson, M. R.—R.A.—95 Aylward Road, Merton Park, London, S.W.20.
1929 High, R. D.—K.O.S.B.—Schoolhouse, Ladykirk, Norham-on-Tweed.
1929 Mackay, R. A.—R.M.—Elrigg, Featherhall Crescent, N., Edinburgh 12.
1929 Marshall, W. K. F.—R.A.F.—69 Gilmore Place, Edinburgh. *Killed on Active Service.*
1929 Montford, E.—R.A.F.V.R.—21 Struan Road, Cathcart, Glasgow, S.4.
1929 Orr, W. L.—Fleet Air Arm—c/o Morrison, 33 Bruceland Road, Elgin.
1929 Pearson, J.—Merchant Navy—73 Falcon Avenue.
1929 Scott, R. B.—R.A.—c/o Strathern, 69 Comely Bank Avenue, Edinburgh.
1929 Wilson, J. W. R.—R.A.C.—8 North Terrace, Berwick-on-Tweed. *Killed on Active Service.*
1930 Dempster, W. J.—R.A.F.—5 Marchhall Road, Edinburgh 5.
1930 Millar, G, R.—R.A.M.C.—c/o Birrell, 21 Thirlestane Road, Edinburgh.
1931 Carmichael, C.—Army Co-operation Command—Torran Beag, Ford, Argyll. *Distinguished Flying Cross Croix de Guerre. Killed on Active Service.*
1931 Fleming, D.—Royal Dorset Regt.—3 South Close, Green Lane, Morden, Surrey.
1931 Scott, R. G.—K.O.S.B.—24 Relugas Road, Edinburgh 9.
1932 Barnett, S.—R.A.—c/o Reid, 6 Comely Bank Road, Edinburgh.
1932 Elliott, E.—R.A.—*Address Wanted.*
1932 Grant, J. B.—R.A.F.—*Distinguished Flying Cross. Address Wanted.*
1932 Halliburton, W. G.—K.O.S.B.—Schoolhouse, Ladykirk, Norham-on-Tweed.
1932 Morrison, N. L.—R.A.F.V.R.—26 Pitt Street, Edinburgh.
1932 Scott, P.—R.A.F.V.R.—27 Clermiston Road, Edinburgh.

1933 Aitken, J —Royal Signals—18 Hunter Street, Kirkcaldy. *Prisoner of War.*
1933 Aitken, M.—Royal Signals—18 Hunter Street, Kirkcaldy. *Prisoner of War.*
1933 Booth, A.—Royal Scots—31 Seaview Terrace, Edinburgh.
1933 Cameron, R.—R.A.S.C.—21 Thornhill Avenue, Broomhill, Glasgow.
1933 Inglis, R. A.—R.A.F.V.R.—22 Gillespie Crescent, Edinburgh.
1933 Muir, A. T.—Merchant Navy—12 Vinicombe Street, Hillhead, Glasgow, W.2.
1933 Smith, S. S.—Royal Lancs., Fusiliers—103 Marchmont Road, Edinburgh.
1934 Binnie, A.—Duke of Wellington Regt.—c/o Lloyds Bank, Bombay.
1934 Smith, P. G.—H.L.I.—386 Great Western Road, Glasgow. *Killed on Active Service.*
1934 Muir, J.—H.L.I.—12 Vinicombe Street, Hillhead, Glasgow, W.2.
1935 Wylie, J.—R.A.F.—13 Saxe-Coburg Place, Edinburgh. *Killed on Active Service.*
1935 Brodie, H. L.—R.A.F.—7 Carillon Street, Ibrox Glasgow.
1935 Miles, F. S.—Fleet Air Arm—8 Maidencraig Grove, Blackhall, Edinburgh.
1935 Rintoul, G. M.—R.A.F.V.R.—Links View, Burntsisland.
1935 Scroggie, S.—Scottish Rifles—5 Blackness Avenue, Dundee.
1936 Brown, J. C.—R.A.F.—c/o 70 Queen Street, Lossiemouth, Morayshire.
1936 Lawrence, J.—R.N.V.R.—154 Kent Road, Finnieston, Glasgow, C.3.
1936 Morrison, H. L.—R.A.F.V.R.—26 Pitt Street, Edinburgh.
1936 McEwan, R. C.—R.A.C.—Three Gables, 1a Langcliffe Avenue, Harrogate. *Lost at Sea.*
1936 McEwan, E.—R.A.C.—Three Gables, 1a Langcliffe Avenue, Harrogate.
1936 McDonald, D. F.—R.A.F.V.R.—Leinster Lodge, Inverness.
1936 McKerron, G.—R.A.F.V.R.—180 Monument Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.
1936 Reid, D.—Black Watch—*Address Wanted.*
1936 Scroggie, J.—Scottish Rifles—5 Blackness Avenue, Dundee.
1936 Ure, R.—R.M.—c/o Percy, Laurelden, 3 Crookston Avenue, Cardonald, Glasgow,
1936 Walker, J.—Merchant Navy—Seaview, Muchalls, Aberdeenshire.
1937 Addison, D.—Merchant Navy—15 Balvie Avenue, Drumchapel, Glasgow.
1937 Brown, J. L.—R.A.F.V.R.—Abbotscroft, North Berwick.
1937 O'Donnell, R.—R.A.F.V.R. (Air Sea Rescue)—Dunlochy, Killin, Perthshire.
1937 Foster, R. C.—R.E.—47 Colinton Road, Edinburgh.
1937 Loudon, D.—R.A.F.—c/o Mrs Cooper, 47 Elmfield Avenue, Teddington, Middlesex.
1938 Abbott, G. H.—Fleet Air Arm—6 Dryburgh Gardens, Glasgow. *Killed on Active Service.*
1938 Grant, A.————*Address Wanted.*
1939 Cunningham, M. R. S.—R.A.F.V.R.—27 Ruthriehill Road, Stoneywood, Aberdeen.
1939 Dennison, J. R.—R.N.V.R.—c/o Dr. Sanderson, Biltown, Castletown, Isle of Man.
1939 Drummond, H. M.—R.A.F.V.R.—c/o Mrs S. M. Macdonald, 35 Belgrave Terrace, Aberdeen.
1939 Ewbank, N.—R.N.—3 Barn Hey Crescent, Gt. Neots, Cheshire.
1939 Findlay, I. C. S.—R.E.—78 Novar Drive, Hyndland, Glasgow.
1939 Moodie, A.—R.N.—*Address Wanted.*
1939 Richards, R. G.—R.A.F.—*Address Wanted.*
1940 Cran, O. A. S.—R.A.F.V.R.—12 Willowbrae Avenue, Edinburgh.
1940 Duncan, G. B.—R.M. (Commando)—53 Scott Street (top flat), Garnethill, Glasgow.
1941 Brodie, G.—R.A.F.V.R.—7 Carillon Street, Ibrox, Glasgow.
1941 Clow, K.—Merchant Navy—49 Redford Road, Edinburgh.
1941 Henderson, A.—R A.S.C.—51 Boswall Drive, Edinburgh.
1941 McLure, D.—R.A.F.V.R.—10 Ainedale Crescent, Giffnock, Glasgow.
1941 Munro, W. R.—R.A.F.V.R.—St. Faithes, Newmills, Balerno, Midlothian.
1941 Wells, I. J.—R.E —9 Pleasance, Aberlady.

1942 Shannon, J. D.—Royal Signals—92 Montgomery Street, Edinburgh.
1943 Barbour, I. D.—Merchant Navy—10 Craigpark Drive, Glasgow, E.1.
1943 Scott, J.—Merchant Navy—12 Parkhead Loan, Edinburgh 11.

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McLeod, Miss S.—A.T.S.—c/o Mrs Holmes, 10 Afton Terrace, Edinburgh.
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McKenzie, Miss D.—W.A.A.F.—22 South Park Avenue, Hillhead, Glasgow. *Mentioned in Despatches.*
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Wraver, Mrs (P. O'Donnell)—W.A.A.F.—Dunlochy, Killin, Perthshire.
Spence, Miss E.—Q.A.I.M.N.S.—193 Bruntsfield Place, Edinburgh.
Murray, Miss J.—Q.A.I.M.N.S.—c/o Beale, "Polwood," Campbell Drive, Bearsden, Glasgow.
Wylie, Miss K.—Women's Land Army—13 Saxe-Coburg Place, Edinburgh.

MISS LILLIAS C. JOHNSTON.

The Club offers its sincere congratulations to Miss Lillias Campbell Johnston who received the Honour of the Award of the Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.) in the recent New Year's Honours List. Miss Johnston, among the many other active duties which she performs, is an Executive Member of the Chairman's Committee of the King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth Officers' Club in Edinburgh.

For a good number of years she was a Director of John Watson's and has always held a very deep interest in all that concerns the School.

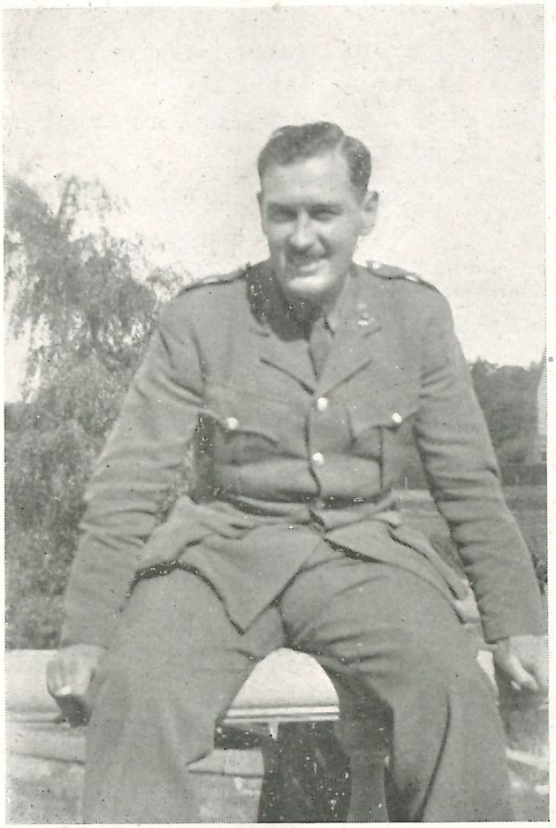
Many will recall that it was in the New Year's Honours List of 1934 that her distinguished father, the late Sir William Campbell Johnston, L.L.D., D.K.S., was the recipient of the Honour of Knighthood.

THE LATE CAPT. C. CARMICHAEL, D.F.C.

Six Levites have now given their lives in the Service of their Country during this war but none, we can safely say, in a more gallant manner than Charlie Carmichael. This son of John Watson's first came under the watchful eye of Vans Hathorn in 1935, and within the next few years was joined by his two younger sisters. Coming from the Western Highlands he possessed the inherent shyness of a Highlander, which, when gradually moderated under the influence of the family life of John Watson's, disclosed a delightful personality which made him very popular with his fellow scholars.

A versatile sportsman—many recollections of his days at School could be told, but what will be foremost in the minds of his contemporaries will be the tense struggle he had throughout the afternoon of the 23rd of May, 1931, when on the occasion of the Annual Sports, he raced neck and neck with "Mac" Campbell for the supreme award. At the last moment injury robbed him of, at least, a share of the honour but despite his natural disappointment his sense of sportsmanship never left him.

Leaving John Watson's two months later he continued his education at Oban High School until he joined the Staff of the Oban



Branch of the Commercial Bank of Scotland. In 1937 he obtained an appointment with the National Bank of India in London, and after two years' service there was preparing to leave for India when war intervened.

A few months later Charlie Carmichael was now to be found serving with the Royal Artillery, and he subsequently was recommended for and granted a Commission. In 1941 the zest for something new led him to volunteer as a pilot with the Army Co-operation Command, then in its infancy, and, after undergoing training in this country he took part in the historic and thrilling events of the Allied landings in North Africa. His valuable work now first received official recognition in the award of the Croix-de-Guerre for, as he would only then say, "a little job I did for the French."

As the months passed he saw service with General Montgomery's Army, first in Sicily, and then in the momentous days of the attack on the " soft underbelly of Europe "—Italy. Here misfortune befell him. Returning from an operational flight with his plane badly damaged he crash-landed and in doing so sustained severe injuries of which one result was the amputation of a leg. With the same courage and determination which characterised his work in the air, he fought to regain his strength, but the complexity of his injuries gradually sapped his energy and he died on the 1st September, 1944.

Such then is the gallant story of Charlie Carmichael—one which will make Levites proud to have had him as one of their number—and it was fitting that before he died he should learn that his own country had now rewarded his bravery by the double award of the Distinguished Flying Cross and Bar.

The sincere sympathy of Levites will go out to his mother and sisters in their loss.

THE LATE
ACTING PETTY OFFICER GEORGE H. ABBOTT.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to report the death, on active service, on 1st May, 1944, of Acting Petty Officer George H. Abbott.

Born on 1st August, 1923, he was a pupil at John Watson's from 1933 until 1938, and during that time he was a popular figure amongst his school fellows.

Many will remember George Abbott as " hooker " of the 1st XV. or as one of those lively spirits who were usually first to dart through the Kiddern gate and " break the ice " when permission was granted for a swim in the Water of Leith.

On completing his school education he took up engineering as a career, but Europe was now in the turmoil of war and it was not long before, true to his adventurous spirit, he volunteered for flying duties with the Fleet Air Arm. In June, 1941, he was called to his post. The course of his training found him in Canada, where he gained his " wings " and thus attained his ambition of becoming a pilot. A few months after his return he was posted to the North of Scotland to undergo advanced training.

His return, however, was to bring sorrow in its wake, for early in May 1944, he met his death in a flying accident and on the fifth day of that month was buried with full Naval honours from Kirkwall Cathedral.

And thus another son of John Watson's and a true friend to all who knew him, has gone from our midst, but his name is already inscribed on the roll of those whose memory will live for ever.

To his mother, his sister, Jessie, who is also a Levite, and family, we tender our deepest sympathy. D. W. W. McL.

THE LATE PERCY S. MACDONALD, C.I.E.

We much regret to announce that the Club lost an old friend by the death of Mr Percy S. Macdonald, on New Year's day of 1945. When he was about to face an operation (from which he did not recover), it says much for him that he thought of the good of his old School, and that his warm regard for it prompted him to carry out a project which will keep his memory green for many years to come. He made his Will, and his wife her's also, bequeathing the sum of £7000 to the Club. He divided the amount into £1000 for the Club Funds ; £2000 for the F.P. Foundationers' Trust ; £2000 for the F.P. Development Fund, and £2000 for the F.P. Centenary Recreation Fund. The Club is truly grateful for these wide prospects. His action, particularly in remembering the F.P. Foundationers' Trust, meant everything to the complete success of the Former Pupils' response to Colonel Donaldson's appeal.

Percy Macdonald entered John Watson's in the same year as the Club was formed, viz., 1899. He and another small boy, James Campbell (1900) were the sons of neighbouring manses in Leith, and quite naturally they carried on the older friendship of their late fathers. They left school one year after the other, and as school chums will, they entered into an odd compact ; they would pass at the same time the final examination of whatever profession they

took up! Macdonald chose Law, Campbell preferred Insurance, and so evenly did they run their courses that in 1914 Macdonald qualified as a Solicitor and Campbell as an Actuary! Then the Great War intervened. August 1914 saw Macdonald in the Naval Division (with which he went to Gallipoli and France), and Campbell in the R.N.V.R. Anti-Aircraft Corps. Then Macdonald changed into the 1/7th Gurkhas and Campbell into the 1/7th Middlesex. After the war Macdonald remained in India, while Campbell returned to this country. (He is now the manager of an Assurance Company

in Sydney, N.S.W., and our sympathy goes out to him in the double loss which he has sustained not only on account of his friend but particularly of his wife, who was a J.W.I. girl). We may be pardoned for narrating the careers of two Levites because the companion pen-pictures are an epitome of all that is best in the training and friendships at John Watson's.

As we already remarked, Macdonald remained in India, and there he was to leave his mark at a vital time in the present world crisis. In the tributes paid by the prominent papers of India, it is told that in September 1919, he entered the Accountants Department

of the well-known jute firm of Thomas Duff & Co., at Calcutta, and was appointed their General Manager in March, 1936. He was early marked out by his compeers to play a leading part in the jute industry ; they chose him as the Chairman of the India Jute Mill Association in 1938 and 1939. During these two years there fell on his shoulders the carrying through of the Working Time Agreement, an act of statesmanship which has been of inestimable benefit to the mills. When the present war broke out the Government of India appointed him the Controller of Purchases (Jute), and his work in this important office met with such acceptance that he was awarded a C.I.E. in the New Year's Honours of 1941.

Having completed his term of office as the General Manager of his firm at Calcutta, he was on his way home with his wife, *via* New York, in March 1940, when he was suddenly recalled. They returned by Cape Town, to be told that he had been appointed a member of the Mission under Sir Alexander Roger. This entailed a great deal of hard work and touring in the East, and as Japan was not yet in the war, the Roger Mission deserves great credit for its far-seeing planning of supplies.

Percy Macdonald and his wife journeyed one and a half times round the world before he was able to return to Scotland to take up the Secretarial duties at the Head Office, at Dundee, of the group of the Companies which his firm controlled.

We need hardly add that his letters showed a keen interest in the Club concerns, and he asked that we should call upon him for financial support whenever it was required for any Club project. He delighted to give news of any meeting with a fellow Levite at home and in India. He did not forget to send stamps for the young collectors at school.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs Macdonald, who shared eighteen happy years with him. The following tribute, paid by an Indian paper, furnishes a fine epitaph :—" He never let you down, and we would have felt ashamed to abuse such generous confidence in any way."

D. M. THOMSON.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Once again the members gathered for the Annual General Meeting of the Club, at 111a George Street, on the evening of Monday, the 8th of January, 1945. Perhaps for the first time during these past years of war, those present were able to foresee the possibility that this Meeting might be the last to be held in the accommodation which Miss Jean Bruce has so willingly put at the Club's disposal for the last five years. Perhaps, also, thoughts turned to past Reunions, of which the Annual General Meetings were so often the heralds.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings with a few words of welcome to those assembled, remarked that he was especially

pleased to see some of the younger Levites present and taking a fuller interest in the more formal workings of the Club.

The new Treasurer, Mr J. D. W. Spence, C.A., then presented his Report on the Club's finances, and gratification was evident on their healthy state. Widest interest was taken in his report on the Former Pupils' Foundationers' Fund, and in the great response to Colonel Jas. Donaldson's offer to double any sum up to a maximum of £5000, which might be subscribed or validly promised by 31st December 1944.

The Council's Annual Report further served to emphasise the solid standing of the Club affairs, but the intimation of the deaths of no fewer than six Levites during the past year was heard with sincere regret. Both the Treasurer's Report and the Council's Report received unanimous approval.

Of a more sobering character was the information gained that approximately one third of the members were now in the service of their country.

The other main business carried through was the election of the office-bearers for 1945. These are listed elsewhere, but here it must be said that the Club is indeed fortunate in continuing to have such a man as Mr D. M. Thomson as its President. Let it not be forgotten that he was one of the founders of the Club and one in whom the name " John Watson's " is held with enthusiastic and sincere regard.

THE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The Council has pleasure in presenting its 43rd Annual Report to the members. In this, the sixth year of the war, current conditions would normally have tended to lessen the attention of members in Club affairs but the Council is glad to report that the members have continued loyally to support the Club in all its schemes.

It is gratifying to report that the income from subscriptions for the past year totalled £46 as against the previous year's £26, but of this increase, £19 represented arrears of subscriptions paid up by male members. The Council desires to point out that the total of subscriptions received from lady members is only about 40% of what is due and would urge that these payments, which are essential to the very existence of the Club, be made promptly.

The outstanding efforts of the Club in the past year have been in connection with the F.P. Foundationers' Fund, which was first launched in February, 1938, for the purpose of adding to the number of the Foundationers at the School, when sufficient financial support from the Former Pupils made this possible. At 30th November, 1943, the total funds in hand amounted to £843. An appeal to all Levites from Colonel Jas. Donaldson, founder of the Fund, supported by Prof. W. B. Stevenson, to further strengthen the fund was issued to all members and it was especially noteworthy for Colonel Donald-

son's generous offer to double any sum up to £5000 subscribed or validly promised by Levites or other friends of the School before 30th June, 1944.

The result of this appeal was satisfactory, when present conditions were taken into account, but in order to give every member a full opportunity to subscribe, Colonel Donaldson extended his offer until 31st December, 1944. As a lead, the Council authorised the transfer of the balance of £199 10s. 6d. still standing to the name of the Tradition Fund, which had now happily achieved its aim, to the Foundationers' Fund.

It is with the greatest pleasure that the Council is able to report that further support has been forthcoming in such measure that, provided the terms of some of the promises are approved by Colonel Donaldson, the goal of £5000 has now been reached and the maximum benefit of his generosity has thus been taken advantage of. The Council would, however, remind Levites that for the continued success of the Scheme each successive year will require to show an increase in the amount already subscribed or promised.

The membership of the Club now stands at 344 and during the past year 7 old boys and 7 old girls have been admitted. A small portion of this number has been lost trace of through changes of address not being notified to the Secretary.

It is with great regret that the Council has to announce the death on active service of Acting Petty-Officer G. H. Abbott (1938) serving with the Fleet Air Arm. In addition the Club has also suffered severe losses by the passing of the Rev. J. A. S. Wilson (1890), Dr. Ernest Walker (1890), Percy S. Macdonald (1904), Mrs J. T. Campbell (Edith Ferrie) and Mrs Bwye (Angela Home). Resignations have also been received from two members.

No fewer than 108 Levites of both sexes are now serving in H.M. Forces, and the Council desires to send Greetings and Good Wishes to them in the name of the members.

The Club War Memorial Bursar for 1944 was Mr D. H. Fourie (1944) and the Miss Murray Memorial Bursar for 1944 was Miss J. Gomez. The easing of Government restrictions permitted the return of the presentation of silver medals by the Club to the Dux Boy and Girl, and these and the other normal medals and prizes were awarded on Vacation Day in July last.

The Council again desires to express its cordial thanks to Mr Rowe for his kind co-operation in all matters concerning the Club.

By order of the Council,

A. D. MURRAY, Secretary.

THE CLUB CASH STATEMENTS (Abbreviated)
for Year Ending 30th November, 1944.

CLUB ACCOUNTS.

Investments held are as follows :—

£52 0 0	4% Funding Loan, 1960/90.
212 9 1	3½% War Stock.
160 0 0	3% Defence Bonds.
£424 9 1	Market Value, £447.

CURRENT ACCOUNT.

Balance at 30th November, 1943	£34 6 6	Cost of *The Levite*	£16 3 0
Subs. received for Year—Boys	35 12 0	Bursaries	10 0 0
Girls	10 10 0	Medals and Prizes	17 3 6
Sum transferred from Crawford Watson Account	8 12 7	Postage and Stationery, including Appeal Postage	8 2 0
Donations	3 14 0	Balance at 30th November 1943—	
Interest on Investments and Savings Account	15 0 1	On Current Account	21 18 1
		In Savings Bank	32 2 7
		On Hand	2 6 0
	£107 15 2		£107 15 2

F.P. DEVELOPMENT FUND.

Balance at 30th November, 1943	£365 4 8	Balance on Deposit Receipt dated 22nd February, 1944	£370 1 0
Interest on Savings Account and Deposit Receipts uplifted ...	4 16 4		
	£370 1 0		£370 1 0

F.P. TRADITION FUND.

Balance at 30th November, 1943	£130 6 0	Allocation for School Prizes ...	£1 0 6
Donations Received	45 15 0	Fees to School Treasurer for Recovering Tax	1 5 0
Recovery of Tax	25 15 0	Balance in Bank	199 10 6
	£201 16 0		£201 16 0

Note.—The above Balance, £199 10s. 6d., has since 30/11/44 been paid over to the Foundationers' Fund.

F.P. FOUNDATIONERS' FUND.

Investments held on Capital Account at 30/11/44 totalled £1246 0s. 11d. This included £463 8s. received in response to Col. Donaldson's Appeal. *Note.*—By 30/12/44, cash received totalled £948 14s. 6d. and contributions promised totalled over £4700.

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Balance at 30th November, 1943	£163 18 11	Balance in Bank and Invested ...	£211 1 11
Revenue received in year net ...	47 3 0		
	£211 1 11		£211 1 11

F.P. CENTENARY RECREATION FUND.

Investments on Capital Account, £728.

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Balance at 30th November, 1943	£44 10 9	W. S. Mackenzie, Outfitter ...	£15 18 8
Dividend and Interest, including Tax Recovered	28 5 10	Balance in Bank	56 17 11
	£72 16 7		£72 16 7

THE F.P. FOUNDATIONERS' TRUST.

The offer made by Colonel Donaldson to the Former Pupils has been met most gallantly He made an appeal to them to make up the sum of £5000 for the above Trust before 31st December, 1944, and he generously promised to give an amount equal to the total sum received up to the above figure. A fortnight before the period expired four-fifths of the amount had been gathered, about £900 being in cash and the remainder in cash promises and in legacies. Word then came from an Old Boy that, although he had left everything to his wife, specific legacies were at the same time made by her of £2000 to the Trust, and £5000 for other Club schemes. The news was breath-taking ! Success was assured. The final total on 31st December, 1944, was £5746. In the midst of our rejoicing, however, a sad blow fell, for a few days later we learnt that the Old Boy referred to had died on 1st January. In honour we give his name, Percy S. Macdonald, a Levite of 1904.

The great success which has crowned the efforts of the past eighteen months means that the Trust for the purpose of adding to the numbers of the Foundationers of the School can come into operation without any appreciable delay, and that in itself will be more than gratifying to Colonel Donaldson. In fact, that has been all along the greatest wish of our large-hearted octogenarian Father of the Club.

There is no intention on resting on our laurels. As a fresh challenge to the Former Pupils who have so far not contributed to the good work, we append the list of the Former Pupils who, up to 31st December, 1944, subscribed, in the earnest hope that more and more subscriptions will be sent to our Club Treasurer, Mr J. D. W. Spence, from time to time. The names of these donors will be published in *The Levite* in due course. We of course recognise that many Levites serving in the Forces are likely never to have heard of the appeal and in any case could not be in circumstances to give it an immediate response. We feel sure they will remedy this when the war is over.

Last but not least. An extremely gratifying feature of the whole venture has been the way in which, led by the Headmaster, the present pupils, and their mothers along with the staff and friends, have made Colonel Donaldson's appeal their own. All honour to each and all of them for their generous help, and most gladly do we acknowledge their welcome donations, which, without including the handsome personal subscriptions of Mr and Mrs Rowe, amounted to about £200. There is great hope for a bright future for the School. Long live John Watson's.

D. M. THOMSON.

LEGACIES.

1882 Dr. A. V. Macgregor.
1883 Prof. W. B. Stevenson.
1886 Prof. D. R. Boyd.
1898 R. Archibald.
1904 Percy S. Macdonald.
1916 G. D. S. Forsyth.
Miss A. Abel.
Miss J. Colville.
Miss W. L. Gellatly.

DONATIONS.

1871 Colonel R. A. Finlayson (deceased).
1877 Colonel J. Donaldson.
1880 Dr. J. A. Taylor (deceased).
1882 Dr. A. V. MacGregor.
1882 J. Muirhead (deceased).
1883 Professor W. B. Stevenson.
1886 Professor D. R. Boyd.
1887 J. Dennison.
1887 J. S. Syme.
1888 C. S. Pennell.
1889 Dr. A. Vost.
1892 Sir D. J. Boyd.
1893 D. M. Thomson.
1896 Professor C. McNeil.
1897 G. Mackintosh.
1898 R. Archibald.
1899 D. S. Burnet.
1901 Capt. F. K. Cuthbert (deceased).
1903 A. Barckley.
1904 Dr. W. A. Alexander.
1904 P. S. Macdonald (deceased)
1912 J. Mowat.
1915 E. J. B. Mulligan.
1916 G. D. S. Forsyth.
1916 Rev. D. A. McRury.
1918 E. R. Birkett.
1920 A. P. Low.
1923 J. D. W. Spence.
1925 A. C. Ogilvie
1929 A. D. Murray.
1929 J. W. R. Wilson (deceased).
1929 W. L. Orr.
1932 G. W. Halliburton.
1936 R. McEwen (deceased).
1936 D. F. Macdonald.
1941 W. R. Munro.
1941 G. B. Duncan.
1942 O. Cran.
1942 I. Winter.
1943 I. Cunningham.
Miss A. Abel.
Mrs Attwood (J. Lennox)
Miss J. D. Bruce.
Miss M. Clark.
Miss J. Colville.
Miss D. Drysdale.
Miss E. K. Fyall.
Miss W. L. Gellatly.
Mrs A. Healy.
Miss M. Halliburton (deceased).
Miss I. Lennox.
Miss A. I. Lennox.
Mrs Lipnicka (Mary Nesbit).
Miss M. Lockyer.
Miss Ella McDonald.
Miss S. McKellar.
Miss P. Ramsay.
Miss J. T. Rhind.
Mrs Snow (B. Finlayson).
Miss V. Sutter.
Miss H. Symon.
Miss P. Teele.
Mrs Thorne (C. Peters).
Miss N. Thomas.
Miss C. Wylam.
Miss P. Winter.

SUMMARY.

Subscriptions £5 and under	£101	10	0
Do. over £5 to £10	50	0	0
Do. over £10 to £20	31	10	0
Do. over £20 to under £100 ...	257	2	0
Do. £100 and over	630	11	6
Legacies and Promises under £1000	1575	0	0
Legacies £1000 and over ...	3100	0	0
	£5745	13	6

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

P.O. Box 3308,
Johannesburg, 17*th February*, 1945.

Dear Editor,

I shall be grateful to you if you will indicate to the Club members how gratified I am that according to their respective means, they have so cheerfully responded to the suggestion I made that a start should be made to create a large fund, whose objects would be the extension of the benefits of the School. I hope that though my own promised bequest has now been surpassed yet many further contributions will be received.

Yours sincerely, J. DONALDSON.

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16 Charlotte Square,
Edinburgh 2, 12*th April*, 1945.

Dear Editor,

The Governors and the Directors of John Watson's School heard with great interest of the offer made by Colonel Donaldson to double donations given or promised for the Extension Fund which was sponsored by the Former Pupils' Club, and when they learnt that such donations amounted to over £6000, thus assuring a donation of £5000 from Colonel Donaldson they were greatly gratified. I welcome this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the help which this Fund will give and their thanks to the Club.

The future is likely to be one of changing conditions and the existence of the Fund may well be of decisive importance for the School's progress.

E. M. WEDDERBURN.
Deputy Keeper of the Signet.

Capt. G. W. Halliburton,
4 K.O.S.B., B.L.A.,
12*th February*, 1945.

Dear Editor,

Please excuse this terrible paper, an old German jotter—I can only plead active service conditions as my defence. I am writing to you ——— to let you know how goes the world with me.

In the first place, let me explain that I have not to my knowledge met or seen any J.W. chaps—I almost wrote " personnel "—in nearly five years of soldiering. It would seem that, like our enemy, they are thin on the ground—until, perhaps, one starts gaining contact with them ! On the other hand, it is just possible that I am a " pore, lorn " Infanteer, whilst my ex-schoolmates have chosen the glamour of the R.A.F., or the seniority of the Navy as the spheres for their activities. Those who are Army men may gather from details contained in this letter the identity of the formation in which I am serving ; if so, I beg of them to liaise, should our respective Divisions ever meet up.

After long, strenuous, and varied training, which included the study of mountain warfare and the hopes of joining the Arnhem chaps our first action was in fact a seaborne assault on Flushing, with a hand in the capture of Middelburg—we got very wet feet, experienced the accuracy of German mortars and the devilishness of Schumines, but on the credit side, a few of us had the happy chance of quaffing a German General's best line in champagne !

The line of the Maas will long be remembered by all British and Canadians who manned its water-logged banks—a more dismal outlook could scarcely be imagined. My activities as I.O. involved a good deal of intimacy with this expanse of water, since flood reports and traces were regular headaches.

Of late we have had the satisfaction of capturing and most effectively demolishing a series of German villages and towns. One cannot for obvious reasons enlarge upon the operation, but one factor may be of interest. The enemy infantry were remarkably soft—their drill was to shelter in cellars during our artillery barrages—not that I blame them —then stream out with arms traditionally raised when, in the words of one prisoner I interviewed, " the streets were full of Tommies ! "

It is very true that war has a lighter side—a fact for which we offer thanks. The sight of front line Jocks stalking pigs or chickens is unforgettable. Naturally we are aware that these hunts are illegal, but one simply explains that the unfortunate animals were a liability to our minefields—and nobody can question the military soundness of that. Or one can emulate the ingenuous answer of a doughboy who, when challenged with the murder of an ox, replied, " Gee, sir, ah could've sworn there was a Heinie aback o' that steer." Yes, these are the things one remembers best after a battle.

After the battle—reminiscences among old comrades. One can dare now, without being too optimistic, to skip this last phase in the European theatre, and think upon the time when we shall foregather in peace to renew association with our families, our homes, and our friends. Much fighting remains to be done ; it has been a long fight, but our effort will never diminish.

With warmest greetings to all I knew, and best wishes to John Watson's.

Yours sincerely, BILL HALLIBURTON.

Rossall School,
Lancs., *13th December*, 1944.

Dear Editor,

Although it is only the 13th of December, I look on it as Christmas Eve, as our Christmas holidays start to-morrow. I have just got back to my study after seeing the Assault-at-Arms, an annual feature.

I enjoyed it all very well, including the Staff Skit, and the Community Singing. The gymnastic display was excellent, a real

credit to the Instructors, and I speak (or write) as one who has tried his clumsy hand and feeble throat at P.T. instruction.

In one respect it fell far short of what I had been accustomed to, namely, the pyramids. The performers, about a dozen in number, were up to eighteen years old and they were very nimble and facile. At the end of each figure we all clapped. I clapped too, but only perfunctorily. My mind ran back about ten years, to Summer evenings on the grass at Belford Road, and I saw, not a dozen youths from fourteen to eighteen years, but fifty boys from nine to fifteen years building up most perfectly balanced pyramids with matchless ease and limb-control.

I am not being sentimental about the past ; I am not trying to flatter ; I am not trying to boost up the School to the detriment of another. The gymnastic display to-night was grand, it would be outstanding anywhere. I consider, however, and I am not alone in this, that the pyramids designed by Mr Young at J.W. were in a class apart, equalled only by his mastery in training all the boys from the youngest on, and in making use of very ordinary material while giving full scope for the skill and strength of the oldest and the most agile.

For the sake of those who cannot at once recall our performers of those days, I append a list —in the order in which they come into my head : Bobby Ingles, the Muirs, the Aitkens, the Scroggies, the Ures, Binnie, the Loudons, a Brodie, a McKerron, Stephen Miles, Pete Smith, Pitcairn.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

G. M. ARTHURSON.

Club Talk

Have you ever stopped to think where the Editor gets the varied information which goes to make up Club Talk? He gets it from many sources but chiefly from YOUR LETTERS. So when you join one of the Services, commence a career, get married or earn some distinction, to mention just a few topics, let him know about yourself and at the same time pass on any news you may have of other Levites. The news you have may not seem to you to be of any special interest, BUT IT IS TO YOUR CONTEMPORARIES AND ALSO TO THEIRS.

Would you like to do your Secretary a service? You would!! Very well then, turn to pages 3-5 and 32 and if you happen to know the whereabouts of any of the members listed there drop the Secretary a post card giving him your information. The address of the Secretary and Editor can be found on page 2.

The Club offers its congratulations to :—

George D. S. Forsyth (1916) on his appointment as Head of the Junior Department of Daniel Stewart's College, Edinburgh. Known to his contemporaries as "Doedie" and to many other Levites as just

" George," he entered John Watson's in 1910 and left in 1916 to continue his education at George Watson's College, Edinburgh, and later at Edinburgh University, where he graduated M.A. in 1922. In 1923 he joined the teaching staff at Stewart's College. Despite his many other interests he is a staunch supporter of the Club of which he is the Junior Vice-President. Many Levites will remember that he has captained the F.P.'s in every one of their Annual Rugby matches since 1926, and that he is a former Editor of this Magazine.

A. P. Low (1920) on the award of the O.B.E. in the King's New Years Honours List of 1944. " Pete " Low has for a number of years been resident in India and has recently taken up an appointment as Finance Secretary at the Civil Secretariat in Peshawar.

Wing-Commander Alex. F. Hamilton (1929) on the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross. The citation stated that throughout many operational sorties as Flight Commander and Captain of Aircraft he had set a magnificient example by his determination and devotion to duty. Alex. Hamilton who was granted his Commission in the R.A.F. in 1932 is a qualified flying instructor and the third Levite to receive this award—the others being J. B. Grant (1932) and Charles Carmichael (1931).

Major R. Hunter Murray (1916) on his appointment to the office of Chamberlain to the Duke of Roxburghe. In addition, Major Murray has recently been elected to the Chairmanship of the Scottish Branch of the Chartered Surveyors Institute. After leaving John Watson's in 1916 he continued his education at Daniel Stewart's College, Edinburgh, and subsequently was apprenticed to the factor to the Earl of Wemyss and March. Thereafter for three years he served in the factory department of Messrs Baillie & Gifford, W.S., Edinburgh, who have the direct management of a considerable area of landed estate in Scotland. In 1926 he returned to the Weymss estate and in 1932 was appointed factor.

When war broke out Major Murray volunteered for service and was subsequently appointed to the Staff of the Scottish Command Land Agent with charge of the Lothian and Border Area.

The Duke of Roxburghe has also now invested him with the old feudal offices of Baron Bailie of Kelso and the Baronies within the County of Roxburgh.

It will be of interest to Levites, old and particularly young, to learn that Capt. J. H. F. McEwan was recently appointed to the Chairmanship of the Conservative and Unionist Members of Parliament Committee (better known as the " 1922 Committee "), a position regarded by many as one of the most powerful offices outside the Government. Capt. McEwan, in whose lovely residence at Marchmont, the School has found its wartime refuge, held diplomatic appointments in Athens, Rome, and London, between 1920 and 1926. He entered Parliament in 1921 as Member for Berwick and Hadding-

ton and has since held several Parliamentary posts including that of Under-Secretary of State for Scotland and latterly Chief Whip.

Quite a number of Levites are or have been of recent months studying at Edinburgh University. Among them are Robin Foster, John and Nora Taubman, David Drummond, John Louden, Donald McLure, John S. Gunn and T. Hart.

Robin Foster (1937) graduated B.Sc. in Engineering last year and is now serving with the Royal Engineers. John Taubman (1938) and John Louden (1939) a former Dux of the School are both studying Medicine. David Drummond (1939) is also studying Medicine, having previously been at the Anderson College, Glasgow. Apart from his medical studies he has distinguished himself on the Rugby field, and was awarded a full Blue last year. In addition he is the present University Club Secretary. Nora Taubman is studying for her Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry with the intention of taking up research later. Donald McLure (1941) was also at the University for a period in connection with his military duties in the Royal Artillery. John Gunn, who held a Kitchener Scholarship for the duration of his studies in Edinburgh, is now resident at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and hopes to go abroad this Summer. Thomas Hart (1939) studying Electrical Engineering, has now graduated B.Sc. (1st Class) and hopes very soon to be accepted by the Royal Navy as a Midshipman.

J. E. Stevenson (1900) now retired from his position with the Standard Bank of South Africa in Johannesburg, is now resident in East London.

The Rev. D. G. Hamilton (1886) for more than 25 years Minister to the Church of Scotland in Kelso, is retiring in the Autumn from his charge. His link with Kelso will however not be broken for he will continue to reside there on his retirement. His address will be Abbotsford Grove, Kelso.

Following the Examinations of the Royal Life Saving Society last Summer, Ian J. Winter (1943) has received the Society's Award of Merit.

Violet Foster is now engaged in Nursing at Oxford.

John D. Shannon (1942) who continued his education at Stewart's College after leaving John Watsons,' was awarded the Rutherford Prize and also the Stevenson Prize for Chemistry last year. In connection with his forthcoming active military duties he is now resident at Worcester College, Oxford.

A recent visitor to Edinburgh was J. R. (" Jack ") Johnston. A Levite of 1921 he has for many years been resident in Australia and now holds the rank of Lt.-Commander in the Royal Australian Navy Volunteer Reserve.

J. C. ("Tiny") Brown (1936) who joined the R.A.F. in 1938 and trained as a ground Wireless Operator has returned to this country after service abroad. We wonder if any other Levite can equal his travelling record. In the course of two years he has travelled extensively over the American Continent and seen many places from Greenland to Rio de Janeiro and Natal (Brazil) to Labrador. Further East he has visited Accra (Gold Coast) and has recently returned from an island in the South Atlantic.

Younger Levites will learn with regret of the death in action of Mr Wm. Stitt, M.A., who taught at John Watson's for some months in 1938. On his entry into the Army he joined the Black Watch and later transferred to the Royal Scots. After having trained for and gained a Commission he was sent out to North Africa and took part in the long final chase after Rommel. He crossed to Malta and was one of the first to land in Sicily. While leading his men in an assault on Vezzini in South Sicily, he was shot at and killed instantly. Although he left School nearly seven years ago the passing of the years will not have lessened the sincere regard with which he was held both by the pupils and by his colleagues.

The Medals and Prizes awarded annually by the Club to the School were, on Vacation Day, presented by Lady Darling, Lady Provost of Edinburgh, to :—

Wm. Beveridge	Silver Medal to Dux of School.
Jessie Gomez	Silver Medal to Dux Girl.
Jean Marshall	Rowe Memorial Bronze Medal for Religious Knowledge.
Alistair Wells	Langhorne Memorial Bronze Medal for Latin.
Jessie Gomez	Ronaldson Prize for Writing.
Allan Brodie	School Sports Championship Cup.

The War Memorial and the Miss Murray Memorial Bursaries for 1944 were awarded to D. H. Fourie (1944) and Miss Jessie Gomez respectively.

Many and varied are the careers which Levites have taken up, but so far as we know only one Levite has yet built up a successful career within the film industry. That one Levite is Miss Doreen Montgomery whose work was the subject of an interesting article in the widely-circulated weekly magazine, *Illustrated*. Those who saw such best-seller films as "Good-night Mr Chips," "The Man in Grey," "Fanny by Gaslight," or more recently, "Love Story," all starring famous British actors, may not have noticed that the film script was written by her in collaboration with the well-known film director, Leslie Arliss, who, incidentally, is a cousin of the late George Arliss, so popular with many film goers all over the world. Altogether Miss Montgomery has adapted for film purposes some twenty-five

novels or short stories. We wonder if memories of her days at John Watson's brought about the introduction into " Good-bye Mr Chips " of the old School chant on the eve of holidays, " No more Latin— No more Greek," or the hymn, " Lord dismiss us with Thy blessing."

We hear of several Levites of recent years who continue to uphold the School's good reputation, both by their scholastic and sporting abilities. Olaf Dennison (1943) now at Gordonstoun School, has passed the Oxford and Cambridge School Certificate Examination with one " very good " and six " credits." David Brown (1942) and Kenneth Murray (1943) both at Daniel Stewart's College, are highly thought of. John Hart (1943) plays for the George Watson's College 1st XV., and the Vice-Captain of the College 2nd XV. is Ian Winter (1942) who has also played several games for the 1st XV. and is a prefect. William Beveridge (1944) is also a 2nd XV. player.

Jean Marshall and Ella Burness, now at Jas Gillespies' School, are both regular members of the Hockey 1st XI.

The past year has seen the passing of several Levites, for apart from the loss of Percy S. Macdonald (1904) and George H. Abbott (1938), tributes to whom are paid elsewhere in this issue, the Club has sustained severe losses in the deaths of the Rev. J. A. S. Wilson (1890), Dr. Ernest Walker (1890), Mrs J. T. Campbell (Edith Ferrie) and Mrs Bwye (Angela Home).

The Rev. J. A. S. Wilson died in November of last year at Dunblane, where he had resided since his retirement in 1941 from his charge at Tealing, Angus. Mr Wilson, who was 67 years of age, was born at Georgetown, British Guinea, left John Watson's in 1890 and continued his education at George Watson's College and Edinburgh University. He was inducted to Bridge of Allan in 1913 and went to Tealing in 1921.

Dr. Walker, one of Mr Wilson's contemporaries, was also a son of the Manse, his father having been Minister of the Parish of St. Mary's in the island of South Ronaldsay. Taking up medicine as a career he later was engaged in general practice in his native Orkneys. His widow since his death has also suffered further bereavement by the death of their only daughter, Sister Kathleen Walker, who was lost at sea whilst serving in the Queen Alexandra Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Mrs Campbell, who died in Melbourne, Australia, in May 1944, and who will perhaps be better remembered as Edith Ferrie, was the wife of James Tait Campbell, F.F.A. Their marriage was notable for the fact that both were pupils of John Watson's and both left in the same year, 1905. With her two sons she accompanied her husband to Australia in 1941 on his appointment as General Manager and Actuary of the National Mutual Life Association of Australasia. Their elder son is now serving with the Army in Greece.

Mrs Bwye, who was one of those Levites who were at John Watson's in the days of the first world war, left School in 1919. After being in India for some years she later returned to this country. Her untimely death at a comparatively early age was the result of an operation which she had to undergo last Summer.

To those who mourn the loss of these Levites we tender our deepest sympathy.

Moyra Rutherford hopes to take up Banking as a career and will in the near future be sitting the Examinations of the Institute of Bankers in Scotland. Levites will wish her success.

A Weir Bursary for a term of three years has been awarded to Miss Pamela Winter, a former Dux of the School, who is now continuing her education at The Mary Erskine School for Girls, Edinburgh. On this occasion it may be well to record that the funds for this substantial Bursary, which was first awarded in 1925, come from the income of a Legacy to the School by the late W. F. Weir, a Levite of the distant days of 1862, who stipulated that the money should be used " for the benefiit of children of merit at the Institution."

The first Bursar was Miss Dorothy Spence from 1925 to 1928 and some of the more recent winners have been :—

J. W. Orr	1935-1937	J. O. Taubman	1941-1942
F. S. Miles	1938-1940	Miss L. Miles	1942-1943
R. C. Foster	1940-1941		

Doctors as a body probably constitute one of the most over-worked professions of the day, yet we hear that Dr. T. E. Saxby (1883) now " nearly 76 years young " has, quite apart from his normal patients, been acting as Admiralty Surgeon and Civilian Medical Officer to the R.A.F. in the Shetlands since the outbreak of war. Despite almost continuous duty we are glad to know that he is still going strong. It will be of interest to recall that many years ago King Gustav of Sweden conferred on him the honour of " Knight, First Class, of the Royal Order of Wasa." This is one of the highest orders which Sweden bestows (and rarely) on foreigners. This unique award was given in appreciation of the many kindnesses and medical services rendered to the Swedish fishermen who rendezvous at Baltasound.

A poem entitled " S. T. C." (Coleridge) by J. A. Chapman (1890) will appear in the Spring number of *English*, the organ of the " English Association." On the 4th June, 1943, there was published by Messrs Faber & Faber, the *Autobiography of Sir Edward Dennison Ross, the Persian Scholar*. In a preface, A. Dennison Ross, a nephew of Sir Edward, declares that this work, besides being edited by J. A. Chapman, was largely written by him for his friend—an unusual fate for an autobiography. Another of Mr Chapman's recent works is *Both Ends of the Candle*.

A commonplace saying is " It's a small world," yet it is a very true one as will be shown by the following two incidents which are no doubt not isolated cases.

Two Levites over the past year tried to arrange a meeting "somewhere in Italy" but never succeeded owing to the "exigencies of the Service." Now at last we hear they have succeeded, not as they planned but by sheer chance in a hotel lounge. Where did they meet?—Rome! Who were they? Rex Dilly (1928) and Gavin Millar (1940). We have no doubt that once having met their tongues waxed furiously and in the words of that much respected Janitor of their time—Harry Diamond—they nearly "talked a gramophone to scrap iron."

The other incident concerns Donald McLure and Ian Grant who never having seen each other since they left in 1941 recently met each other, also by chance, in India.

To the following Levites we tender our best wishes and congratulations :—

Marriages :

At Dovercourt Bay, Essex, in August 1944, Miss Marie Orr to William E. Tyler, Salford, Lancs.

At Edinburgh, in September, 1944, Miss Joy Wilson to Adam Elliot, Coldstream.

At Edinburgh, in September, 1944, Miss Margaret Brymer to Frank O'Neill, Belfast.

At Wooler, Northumberland, in April, 1944, Miss Mary Nesbit to Stanisla Lipnicka, Poland.

At Aberdeen, in October, 1944, Miss Betty Thomson to C. Knaggs, Church Fenton.

At Edinburgh, in January, 1945, Andrew C. Ogilvie (1925) to Agnes Amy Melville, Edinburgh.

At York, in March, 1945, John C. Scroggie (1936) to Nancy Green, York.

Margaret Smith (Mrs Halliday), Connie Dow (Mrs Seaton), Jeannie McDonald (Mrs Armstrong) and J. C. Brown (1936) have also married.

Births :

At Edinburgh, September, 1943, to Capt. and Mrs W. E. R. Phillips (Paddy Wylie) a daughter.

At Edinburgh, in March, 1944, to Capt. and Mrs R. A. Mackay (1929) a son.

At Edinburgh, in April, 1944, to Flt.-Lt. and Mrs A. M. Kinghorn (1925) a son.

At Edinburgh, in August, 1944, to Mr and Mrs A. D. Murray (1929) a son.

At London, in January, 1945, to Mr and Mrs Alex. Morgan (Mary Paton) a son.

At Southport, in March, 1945, to Wing-Commander and Mrs A. F. Hamilton (1928) a son.

At Edinburgh, in April, 1945, to Capt. and Mrs G. W. Halliburton (1932) a daughter.

At Norwich, in April, 1945, to Tpr. and Mrs R. D. High (1929) a daughter.

MISS MACINTYRE AND MR ARTHURSON.

It is pleasant to be asked to write about your friends, and especially these friends, for it brings to your mind so many delightful memories, of the sort which I like to describe as those of a very happy family. For many years in the 1930's we lived, Miss MacIntyre and Mr Arthurson, along with Miss Cross, and later Miss Paton and Miss Wilson, and Mr Johnson and myself, a life intimate and essentially home-like, and it is memories of homely incidents and scenes that come crowding in: tea parties, theatre parties, Winter evenings round the piano or the gramophone, Summer evenings playing cricket in the nets and afternoons luxuriating in the "Kiddern" with books, green shade, and the Leith flowing placidly below, discussions of films, plays, and books, often (and I say it advisedly) amounting to violent argument, games of murder, and the solving of mysterious codes. From all this the reader will understand that Miss MacIntyre and Mr Arthurson were persons with whom you could live, gaily and well. And that is a great thing.

Of Miss MacIntyre's teaching it is presumption for me to judge. She was very fond of her pupils, I know, and it seemed to me that under her guidance both girls and boys sang very beautifully and that she was able to transmit to them much of that sensitiveness and enjoyment which marked her own playing and attitude to music. She was always eager to join in and help to her utmost any activity which would lead to the happiness of the girls and boys.

Mr Arthurson's character was marked by a determination to understand his job, both as a schoolmaster and as a man, and to carry it out. He strove to see his own faults and correct them, to understand himself, to live more fully. Indeed as the years went by he seemed consciously and purposefully to broaden his own mind. But in doing this he never forgot his aim, and he strove just as purposefully to know his pupils and to lead them to the understanding, enjoyment, and appreciation of life which he himself attained.

Nor were the pupils alone in learning from them both. A genial couple, and John Watson's will do well if it can match them.

C.T.

School Notes

BOYS' PAGE.

The year at Marchmont has been an eventful one. The School has lost Mr Arthurson, who had had such long and intimate experience of John Watson's as to become an integral part of its tradition. He has now gone to Rossall School, where we wish him all happiness and success. Mr Kirk (Science) and Mr Smith (History and Art) have also left, and the vacancies are filled by Miss Davidson (Art), Mr Carter (French), and Mr Malcolm (History and Class Primary 5). Besides undertaking Mr Kirk's class and houes duties, Miss Blair now runs the Scouts as well as the Guides, and Mr Malcolm the rugger, athletics, and miniature range, newly built by the woodwork classes for air-rifle shooting. Ben is back again after his long illness, but Miss Meins left in July to be married, and the new housekeeper is Miss Lunn. From Charterhall R.A.F. Station, by great good luck, we have not only Flying-Officer Blackburn for gym and boxing, but also Flying-Officer Albert Howe, who is, or was, Professor at the Guildhall School of Music. It was to him we owed the charming singing, which made Parents' Day worthy of Sir William and Lady Darling's distinguished presence, and the splendid rendering of the Service of the Nine Lessons, which made a deep impression on those able to be present at it. At the latter the silver collection for the Donaldson Appeal brought the total raised during the year at Marchmont to £200. This came from most varied sources, among them the sale as a Christmas Card of Miss Davidson's wood-cut of Polwarth Church. We hope such a card will become a regular institution.

The School work continued much as usual. We had heartening news of successes of many kinds gained by the Levites of recent years in their new schools, and the three Inspectors, who examined the classes with unusual thoroughness in the Summer term, seemed to like what they saw. Potatoes were again harvested for many farmers and an innovation, and a popular one, is the keeping of pets at the Kennels. Matches were played in all games against neighbouring schools, with varying result : it was good to visit St Mary's again and to win the game there. Interest in music, always great, was stimulated by Mr Nelson's and Miss Henderson's recitals ; there were talks from Dr. Wightman and again from Captain McEwen, and the films shown twice before Christmas by Mr Buchan were to be followed, if possible, by Dartington Hall documentaries at Easter. In the Autumn the black-out was progressively relaxed, and, though the great January storm destroyed many beautiful trees, the park was for some time thereafter an enchanting fairyland of sunshine and moonshine and snow, and the pond was bearing. Those outside the secret would perhaps be astonished by the School's good health, which may soon rival the annual 100% success in the Royal College of Music examination. Some of the reasons for it may be the services of

the Kennels hens and the Houses' faithful work in their gardens. However that may be, we wish all Levites, especially those on service, a lot no less prosperous and happy in this historic year than our own.

G. W. Rowe.

GIRLS' PAGE.

Like the publication of the Budget, the publication every Spring of *The Levite* forces us to review the events of the past year.

There have been two changes of staff on the "Girls' side," but already Miss Maclagan who came after Easter to carry on Miss McIntyre's good work, and Miss Davidson who joined us in September, are well settled in, we hope, happily. In the Summer term too, Miss Meston came as temporary Art Mistress, to bridge the period between Mr Smith's leaving and Miss Davidson's arrival. This appointment, as it happened, had far reaching repercussions. How such an idea could enter any head it is difficult to imagine, but she conceived the extraordinary idea of doing a large oil painting of the Staff, a fortunate decision for the School, for not only has it necessitated her paying two short visits since she left us, but she has very generously presented the group, now finished and framed, to the School. So future generations of John Watson's pupils may look with wonder at the strange little party trapped on that canvas last Summer term, for as many years as paint and canvas will last. There, past and present stand together for a moment, Mr Arthurson about to take his leave of us, and Miss Maclagan having just arrived.

There seems to be little on the Girls' side of the house that has not already been mentioned in *The Levite*. As usual the Girls have taken part in the outdoor activities according to the season, cricket giving way to hockey, herb collecting to potato lifting, and in January, sledging and skating. Indoors they have been busy sewing and knitting for the Red Cross, knitting their own ankle socks, making School uniform blouses and games blouses, and some of the seniors helping with the making of their new divided skirts for hockey.

1st Marchmont, Berwickshire, Girl Guides, have had another successful year. Thirty-five Proficiency Badges have been gained, and eight National Service Crowns. More than half of the Company are now Second Class Guides, and are working hard for their First Class. They are helping with the training of the young Guides, and in their spare time, helping the new Scout Troop. Financially the Guides have achieved independence. They have bought their Colours, and in December were proud to be able to give £5 to the Donaldson Fund. In the Spring term they gave a Birthday Party to celebrate their third anniversary. For several weeks in their Domestic Science classes, the girls baked biscuits. Later the Birthday cake, buns and cakes were made and on the morning of the Party energy was turned to making sandwiches, laying the tables and decorating the Schoolroom. The Countess of Haddington very kindly accepted the invitation of the Guides. After her enrolmen

of the recruits, the Company had games in the Music Room.. The festivities ended with a camp fire, a popular feature being truffles and peppermint creams made by the Guides.

The last three months of the year were increasingly active as the School set itself the target of £100 for the Donaldson Fund or as the little ones called it *The Donaldson Fun.* Everyone seemed to be making something and selling it to the rest of the School or taking part in some little entertainment to which the rest of the School was invited, a small fee being charged—taking in one another's washing it seemed—and yet with the help of the generous donations of parents and friends of the School, the target was reached and exceeded. In the end it was agreed that there was wisdom in the little ones' name for the Fund, *Colonel Donaldson's Fun.*

M. LAWSON.

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

John Watson's " Archaeological Society " must be the strangest society the School has known since its foundation. No Treasurer sends out notes reminding members that their annual subscription is due, for this society, in spite of its impressive name, has no Treasurer, President, nor Office-Bearers, and I doubt if there is a single list of the names of members. Yet the Society has hung together for almost three years, and at times seems to generate tremendous power. Last Summer term was the crest of one wave which swept up five Primary and most of the Upper School. It was indirectly responsible for that great boon to the School, " Freedoms "—(for had they not to be free of the bounds for their expeditions ?)—and for the much appreciated innovation, picnic teas, and the need to report on Saturday evenings, only when the long light began to fail.

But the Society's records will testify that much real work was done, and the School has a deeper knowledge of the neighbourhood of its wartime home, and has sunk deeper roots into the rich red soil of the Borders, for the expeditions of the enthusiastic members of " The Archaeological." Melrose, Dryburgh, and Kelso Abbeys, were frequently visited, their history studied, notes and plans made, sometimes with illustrations of architectural features, and sketches done. Several Border peels were visited : Darnick, which has been lived in ever since it was built, and now has the added attraction of a small armoury in the turret room ; Smailholme of Scott fame : Greenknowe, the ruin between Gordon and Earlston so often seen by the School on their way to and from Marchmont : and at Earlston, what remains of that much more ancient tower, the tower of Thomas the Rhymer, True Thomas of Ercildoune.

Then castles held sway for a time, Hume Castle, a familiar sight from many of the dormitory and classroom windows, proving a good jumping-off ground. Soon Norham Castle on " the English side " had been visited by many of the more stalwart members. Parties

tired but happy, returned from Norham. Usually another expedition had to be made to do justice to Ladykirk on the Scottish side of the Border, the last pre-Reformation church built in Scotland, with its high vaulted stone roof, buttressed and pinnacled, the kirk built by James IV. to commemorate his deliverance from drowning when fording Tweed near this spot on one of his many raids over the Border, a kirk that " fire would not burn, nor water destroy." But the stone pews and seats, on which James sat when he visited the kirk on his way to Flodden, and later, Mary, Queen of Scots, when she met some of her nobles there to sign a treaty, are gone, and have been replaced by more comfortable wooden ones. These visits were rewarded by a view of the lovely reach of Tweed where it is joined by the sullen Till, near to the historic spot at Twizel where the scattered remnants of the Scottish army crossed after Flodden.

All manner of scraps of historical interest came to the knowledge of members. Someone remarked that Greenlaw Church Tower might almost have been a Border peel. This led to the discovery that it had been built between the old Courthouse and the Kirk, with truly Scottish economy, to look like a church tower but to act at the same time as a prison, and soon gruesome stories of deeds done in " Thieves' Hole " in the name of the Law, were circulating, and the couplet, " Here stands the Gospel and the Law, Wi' Hell's Hole atween the twa," was on too many tongues. The damage done to the tower by the land-mine in the Spring of 1941 made an ascent of the tower sufficiently dangerous to be very popular.

Even the youngest enthusiasts could make a beginning by visiting the coffins of the Hume family in the crypt of Polwarth Kirk, and revel in the story of Grizel Baillie One school of thought has it that she used pheasants' claws as needles to embroider the scrap of pulpit cloth now preserved in a case at one end of the pews : the other that the claws were only used for the padding. The Archbishop Laud Communion rails, which incidentally, have been sketched through the Laird's bole hole in the tower, gave rise to further controversy. Were the rails really put there to keep the sheep dogs attending the Service from the Communion Table ?

Other churches within walking or bicycling distance were visited and many discovered to be on very ancient foundations. Stories of Saint Ebba, Saint Boisell and Aiden went round, but perhaps most popular was the life of Saint Cuthbert in his hermit's cell on the haunted Farne Island, from which he could see nothing but sky, or the story of the miraculous journey made by his body in its heavy stone coffin boat from Melrose down Tweed back to Holy Isle.

Many happy afternoons were spent on the Greenlaw moors, the home of the wild geese. But by the Summer term the geese have deserted us for the Arctic and only the song of the lark and the cries of curlew and gulls are heard at the Hule Moss. Because of the comparative nearness of Trimontium, and a farm very near to March-

mont with the suggestive name of Chesters, hopes ran high that the moors might yield some Roman remains. But most of the discoveries proved to be quite substantial ancient British remains. One British fort, Blackcastle Rings, at the meeting of the little Frangrist Water and Blackadder was measured by a willing little band of surveyors, as were the strange British earthworks, the Kames, which must have required labour enough to raise a Pyramid. Someone discovered that long ago about seventeen miles of ancient British wall ran from these moors towards Berwick, apart from the familiar Heriot's Dyke.

Different small parties made their way to the Pictish Broch, in its well-chosen position between Cockburn Law and a lovely reach of the Whitadder. Assuredly these places of retreat to-day once teemed with life, and those, our distant ancestors, must have been men of great enterprise and no small skill.

Many mis-statements and wrong deductions may have been made by the members of "the Archaeological," but research is a slow process, irksome to blythe young spirits. Let us hope that the present members may correct any mistakes made by last year's Levites, who, we hope, will recall with pleasure expeditions made from here last Summer, and carry their spirit of research into further fields.

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